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NEW ENGLAND TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE

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NEW ENGLAND TARIFF REFORM LEAGUE

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

To the Members of the New England Tariff Reform League:—

During the past year the League has continued its work of popular agitation and education.

Much good has been accomplished through the medium of our monthly dinners, which have been well attended throughout the season. Our speakers have been either prominent business men or well-known economists, as the following list will show: William Lloyd Garrison, Jabez Fox, Michael D. Harter, Arthur T. Lyman, Jerome Jones, C. C. Jackson, William B. Rice, Peleg McFarlin, Henry C. Thacher, John E. Russell, William O. Blaney, Louis Prang, George A. Macbeth, and Henry W. Lamb.

Letters from Col. Henry Lee, John M. Forbes, William Endicott, Jr., and Edward P. Bliss were also read at different times.

The addresses and letters were widely circulated by the press in New York and Philadelphia as well as in New England, and a number of them were published and distributed by the League.

At several of the meetings resolutions were passed urging Congress to speedy action, and a petition indorsed by more than four thousand citizens of Massachusetts was mailed to each member of the House and Senate, praying for the passage of the "Tariff Bill reported by the Ways and Means Committee."

Among the recent documents published by the League are:—

5,000 "A Family Likeness."

10,000 "Wages and Protection."

10,000 "Tariff Reform: A Manufacturer's Point of View."

5,000 "Speeches by Leading Business Men, January 18."

5,000 "Speeches by Leading Business Men, March 9."

Aside from our own publications the League has distributed the following:—

10,000	Speeches	William Everett.
5,000	"	Tom L. Johnson.
5,000	"	W. Bourke Cockran.
5,000	"	Charles F. Crisp.
4,000	"	William L. Wilson.
3,000	"	Michael D. Harter.
400	"	Michael J. McEtrick.

We have a good supply of speeches and other documents at the League rooms which we shall be glad to furnish on application.

The League is under great obligations, and herewith desires to express its sincere thanks to Congressmen William Everett, Tom L. Johnson, M. D. Harter, William L. Wilson, M. J. McEtrick, W. Bourke Cockran, J. C. Burrows, Thomas B. Reed, Speaker Crisp, Senators Mills, Hoar, and Lodge, and Assistant Secretary Hamlin for speeches and many other courtesies; to A. B. Farquhar and Stanley Waterloo for reference and other books; to Col. Albert Clarke for Home Market Club publications; and to the newspaper and periodical publishers who keep our reading-room supplied.

The League has lost twenty-six members by death the last fiscal year. Ninety-nine others have been dropped through removal, resignation, or other cause; and twenty-nine new names have been added to the list.

The first Congress from which it has been politically possible to expect a reform of the tariff since the organization of the League is now holding its long session. We have watched its proceedings with hope and dismay. Whenever it has seemed possible to exert any wholesome influence upon that body, we have not hesitated to act. It must be admitted, however, that the efforts of this League and of other reform organizations to enforce the popular command of the presidential election have not been effectual to offset those sinister influences which pervade the national capitol. The Wilson bill as originally framed was not satisfactory. It was still less satisfactory as it passed the House. From that time to the present it has been steadily growing worse.

We may extract some comfort, however, from the present situation when we reflect that two years ago no one seriously expected that the party pledged to the reform of the tariff would obtain by

the election then impending even a nominal control of the United States Senate, and that the present disappointment arises from the fact, which the League has never overlooked, that not all Democrats are tariff reformers. If the Wilson bill, even in its present mutilated condition, becomes a law, we shall need only to recall the situation of two years ago and the tariff act under which we are still living to see that the cause of reform has made substantial gains.

It cannot be doubted, too, that the object lesson offered by United States senators to show that private interest and public trust are incompatible has produced a deep popular impression. Every betrayal of the cause of reform by the people's representatives has only made it more clear that a policy which encourages private moneyed interests to look to Congress for special legislative favors is demoralizing and intolerable.

The League may look forward with confidence to the future. It must continue its work with renewed zeal and upon broader lines.

MARTHA E. PARKER,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1893,	\$1,688.81	
Contributions,	1,929.97	
Memberships,	1,365.00	\$4,383.78

EXPENSES.

Printing,	\$669.75	
Office Sundries,	260.39	
Postage,	361.75	
Dinners,	119.59	
Documents,	188.37	
Salaries,	1,759.99	
Stationery,	21.80	
Rent,	395.46	
Fuel,	77.00	3,853.92
Balance April 30, 1894,		\$539.86

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON,

Treasurer.

Boston, May 1, 1894.

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HEADQUARTERS, No. 66 STATE STREET,
 BOSTON, April 30, 1894.

*To the Members of the New England Tariff Reform League and
 All Other Friends of Tariff Reform:—*

All reforms have their seasons of ebb and flow. That the exaltation of success in the late national election has been followed by depression, consequent upon delayed legislative action, affords no ground for discouragement.

The truth anticipated by our appeal a year ago has been realized. As then announced, "Ideas and sentiments promulgated during the presidential canvass grow fainter after the successful candidates have been chosen, and in the tumult of office-seeking the principles that determined the contest are minimized or forgotten."

A financial depression of exceptional severity, accelerated by the restrictive and unhealthy legislation typified by the McKinley bill, has been adroitly used by the advocates of special privilege to discredit tariff reform. It has even been attempted to obscure the real and deep-seated causes of the panic, varied and remote, by attributing the universal trouble to fear of possible change of revenue laws directly affecting only a small fraction of the nation's industries.

Preposterous and unreasonable as is this device of the favored monopolists, its plausibility has served to mislead the unthinking sufferers of violated law, and to hold them in closer political subjection.

The remedy is enlightenment, which this League is organized to promote. The magnitude of the work is to be judged by the all-bounding economic blindness, which permits such shallow pretensions to have weight. Money is wanted for educational literature and speakers. New members and fresh enthusiasm are needed. Help us to make the coming year the most useful of the League's existence.

Send contributions to Martha E. Parker, Secretary, or William Lloyd Garrison, Treasurer, 66 State Street, Boston.

HENRY L. PIERCE, *President.*
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ARTICLE II. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The object of the League shall be to enforce the following views:—

The policy of taxing imports, not for revenue, but for the purpose of obstructing trade, is unsound; and well-considered but decisive action looking to its ultimate abandonment should not longer be deferred.

Headquarters: No. 66 State Street, Boston.

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